

spend his spore time in garrison. No present-day problem in military preventive medicine is of greater importance in rolation to the physical efficiency of the arms than that of effectual con-

Thus boildy is the issue stated because thus boldly does the secretary of war propose to meet mun's worst enemy, which Surgeon Mader Maus describes as "The Great Red Plague,

Here is the common for of embattled mankind. Aid and comfort have been given this enemy by the lil-advised and prodish consorship of social

"We want no damaged goods in the American army of democracy," Capt. E. R. Vedder of the United States Medical corps, declares. And, to show how strictly does General Gorgas propose to make the American expedition as clean as he made Havana and Panama, the Wassermann test, and not mere height and eyesight, is the supreme standard of fitness for this war.

This 500,000 army of select men, possessing youth, physique and health, the war department proposes to return to their homes, if they survive mere shot and shell, as fit fathers of a future race. The distressful (many returned men and officers say the disgracefull social conditions that obthis d on the Mexican border will not be repeated at Plattsburg, at Niagara, at Fort Sherldan or in The El Paso vice burracks, the bideous dives-this nightnare will not be lived through egain. It belongs to the typhold-maintin age.

The great American game of baseball will form n vital part in the training of the soldiers of the army of denocescy. When young America Incivil life is not at work it is at the hall game or at the motion posters show or at play in some form. The American expeditionary saidler will play as feet as he will train for service.

This is the diction of a recreation expert who knows the value of recreation, moral and educational and who also knows the philosophy of Messes. Baker and Gerges. My authoritative informers confirms but him enthashess that he has

"Keed of letter to be on a profe in their physical fitness time good and it is not personally good attitutes that they will not alone their benith by todalizences. But midn from personal pride in fitness, play is in limit the great productivity

"Work is a proph factle agont against disease, terr play is its county, are it not its poor. Thay meetin health. The peak spaint alone is steletiff normal. Plus to the preventive counse physical and mental and most breaklines."

The endrsensers of this name social agent is one of the most viral discovariascof modern times. Recreption is its organized application. It has been applied educationally. If has been deliberately applied to redeem the city wouth from crime and degeneracy. But it lent breaf naturalty, unconsciously, to the polulis, needs in the marvelous development of recreations other than

Secretary of War Boker is sensitive to modern sectological developments. It went without saying that, whotever might be his merits or demorits in practical military organization, he of all menwould bring to the American army of democracy an appreciation of the sociological factors. A system of recreation for the milded man that will supplied beeze and siece vill underlying take shape from the earliest mobilization, and will continue to be a safety device for this uniquely protected army on the battle front.

One observes with keen interest that the wardepartment has engaged a number of recreation expects for the supervision of recreation at the large training entips. There is here no mere theoretic attention to play, no paper application of recreation philosophy, no mere philanthropic interest in the soldier's life hour similar to the interest which a charitable gentleman would take in supplying tracts to a hospital, or books to an old indies' home, or a but and ball to a nephew.

The problem before us is senreely of a part with sewing society work. However, to avoid any resture of sensationalism, it is well to follow the plain, serious words of the war department bulletins to Busirate the vice side of the problem. apt. E. B. Vedder of the United States Medical corps, in War Department Bulletin No. 8, writes substantially as follows:

"Our sick report has been a repreach in that we have had more men on the sick report because of

venereal diseases than any other army in the world. Tests show that to per cent of the recruits are infected on enlistment. Venereal prophylaxis is the order of the

Statistics are available to those who will not give them specific publicity showing that these social diseases unfitted hundreds of thousands of soldiers at the front from daty on the firing line. More terrible than the bullets of the combatants alike to the invaders and to the invaded were the ravages of these diseases at Badajoz, in the Peninsular campaign, as to Rome and Naples in the Spanish invasion. More terrible than an army with banners are the camp followers in its wake,

These disquieting truths should be kept hidden. lest the patriotic spirit be discouraged, provided the United States proposed to take part in the war on this lessis, provided the propagation of disease were one of "our objects" in the war, and provided there were no way of protecting our 500.000 chosen soldiers and thereafter the nation from the

But the war department knows this enemy to be vulnerable, and it proposes to fight it in the open field with social prophylaxis, and to crush it both in the training comp and in its present so fruitful Inir, the trench zones of Europe,

But before these preventive recreation plans can be made effective there must be positive exclusion. of the unit. "Weed out the infected" is the new watchword of the recruiting authorities. Infected termick if not deserted, will prove an impediment to the army, filling first the haspitals and family

The draft ian contains no provision more vital to the security of the unition than section 43, which authorizes Secretary of Wor Baker to draw a dead line about our militars empts for infection.

The Connelists infiltery egggs became excursion points for thousands of wixes, mothers, sisters and, under this clock, of others who had no purticular qualification except enthrelasm for the soldier and a pronounced reaction toward the uni-

Driven from the mile or more limit; these latter

set up at whatever distance and expressed their patriotism in induigences for which the war made a telerant conscience. And Canadians are smong the strictest puriture in the world. By devicus pretexts, hundreds of these soldier-smitten women followed the units to Europe.

We may quite as well ignore the experiences of the allies in Europe, for our own experiences are tich enough. The government has issued no bulletin showing the number of soldiers inexpectated by discuse during the Mexican expedition. only available authorities, the individual millitamen and officers, recite a distressing narrative of delantchery on the border. In more than one instance dives were set up in full view of the officers' camp, though, of course, ourside of the nutherry of the war department. And to such specified deas the soldiers resorted because of the after vacuity of border soldiering and the high of adequate preparation facilities.

It is these experiences which now desermine the war department to achieve a new trimuph for summation by Inaugurating a system of thorough prophylaxis, substituting recreation for stupidity officers and vice indulgence. The American arms of democracy is not to be a discreamfested, house named army. It is to triumph over manufacts thank enemies before it leaves our sail, and it is to carry its friemphs to Europe, there to solveribe to the whole world the new American idea in to prophylaxis.

To such an army every American mother will be proud to lead by son. William J. Black, In-New York Tribune Magneton.

Wireless In the Great War

score airplane today if up to the unmute has a wireless set absord. This provides it with the only means of communication with its base, or with the buttery of heavy guns, when engaged upon the direction of artiflery fire. The wireless is the voice of the oceans. It links up ship with ship, however distant from the land or from the recognized routes of trade. Without it modern naval warfare would be impossible. The S O S signal is the most urgent and sacred call in the wireless world, a call few operators will ignore, And set the enemy has made false use of this signal. There was one case of an American skipper somewhere off Bantry bay, who, picking up an S O S some 50 miles distant, made thither at top speed, to find on arrival, not a vessel in distress, but a German submarine, the commander of which not only unde no apology, but was so annoyed to find that it was an American instead of a British boat that he had snared that he threatened to sink it there and then; and probably he would have put his thrent into force had not a British destroyer showed up on the horizon.

Another case was that of the cargo steamer Anglo-Californian, homeward bound from Amer-Ica. She sighted a German submarine in midocean, and made off as fast as her engine would permit, the enemy in hot pursuit; her wireless operator sending out the S O S signal as fast as he knew how. Meanwhile the shell fire grew flercer, the ship was raked from end to end. They had not a single weapon of their own with which to retaliate, but they stuck to it as only British sailors can. Then there came an answer to their signals, "Coming to your help, Hang on." It was from a British man-of-war, somewhere across

the horizon, far out of sight. By this time the firms had grown so fierce that the operator was forced to manipulate his key lying on his back in his cabin. At just the welcome news, "Chan see your smoke. Hung on," "For God's rake, harry up; they're shelling as like h -- ?" replied the Californian operator. This the German operator intercepted, and had his guns trained full on their nertal, their last hope of salvation, Luckily the German shooting was wild, and eventually the British warship have la sight. Immediately the submarine dived, and they were ordered to report her trull.

Let earlier in the war occurred the unhappy Breslau and Goeben affair. When surrounded by British craft, these two powerful men-of-war succeeded in effecting an escape, sighted only by one of our light cruisers. Immediately she wirelessed for help.

In the year 1915, 26 vessels were reported by the radio inspectors of the United States to have sent out the call for assistance. The calls included accidents of all kinds, including collision, running ashore, broken-down machinery, storm, cargo shifting and torpedoes. In one case, that of a Greek vessel which caught fire in midocean, she was abandoned by the passengers and crew, aggregating 470. Within two and a half hours two other vessels had taken on board, in one case 341 survivors and in the other the remaining 129. The original vessel was entirely destroyed.

On another occasion a vessel with 1,700 Italians aboard caught fire at sea. The S O S signal immediatey brought up another vessel, which took off 600 survivors, then conveyed the disabled boat into nort without the loss of a single life,

WHAT WOULD YOU DO THEM?

Question Put to Would-Be Drivers of Army Motor Trucks Brings Some Remarkable Answers.

In New York various auto men have given their time to the government and have the task of examining men for places as truck drivers in the army. The answers to the questions would keep an audience of cigar store Indians convulsed with mirth, it is declared. The questions are intended to bring out resourcefulness, for one thing.

"What would you do if you had a spring break?" was one question, "Aw, I'd leave the truck alongside the road and go call up a garage or the service station." This out on the road or in the forests of the continent.

"What would you do if you were going up a hill and had to stop your truck, if you had no brakes?" "Well, I'd let it slide back and turn the front wheels so the rear ones would bump into the curb and that would hold the car." These are only two of a score of impossible answers.

A little runt of a young man swaggered up to the desk. "Here's a boy that probably does not know a transmission from a cut on a telegraph pole," thought the examiner, for he fold the story on himself.

"What do you know about trucks?" "Aw, ever'thing."

"Did you ever drive a truck?" "Me-me! Ind I ever drive a truck? Say, mister, if Old Man Pershing wasn't sent t' France I'd still be down on the burder takin' care of a flect, Down there note months as it was." "Well, what would you do if you

broke a front spring?" "Dot What rought I dot" (With the account on the Ly. "Whald dy y suppose Pd shit Pd block it up and go slicud. Tione if fore of times."

"Just suppose you broke a rear spring; could you get along?"

"Could I get along?" (Again board on the L) "Say mister, I can run a truck if they's one axie gone. Don't ask any of us boys that hatted around the border what to do in case o' breaks. We know!

And there was no doubt he could do all he said, for before he finished with the examiner he had told him more about quick repairs than the examiner ever knew.

Knew Something About Riffes. At Fort Myer one of the companies

of Officers' Reserve corps students was receiving instruction in some phase of the army rifle. One of the young men impressed the instructor as being bored to death with the talk, and, furthermore, he actually left the circle before the instructor had finished talk

You did not seem to care for my lecture," said the officer to the student a little later.

"Oh, yes sir; I am very much interested in the rifle. I have shot a great many of them."

The army man was a bit sore. "How many times have you fired a rifle in the past year?" he asked.

"I couldn't say, but probably about 5.000 times. The army officer didn't believe him,

"Where have you fired a rifle any such number of times?" he asked.

"Why, it's this way," answered the youth; "my father is Lewis, the manufacturer of the Lewis machine gun. and I am in charge of his tests. I am

a specialist in army rifles." "Oh," said the army officer-and he walked away. Washington Star.

The War Map.

It has been said that if the war were settled by a peace based on today's war map the Germans would gain Immensely. A French authority takes exception to this view. He points out that if Germany were granted the territory she has seized she would hold Belgium, Serbia, Poinnel, the seven northern departments of France and probably Montenegro a total area of 200,400 square kilemeters. The allies on the other hand have taken from Germany Togeland, Kamerun, German Southwest Africa, German East Africa, the Bismarck Archipelago, the Caroline Islands, the German islands of the Samoan group, Kino Chao, and territory in Galicia, Bukowina and Armenia, a total area of 3.228.341 square kilometers, or ten times as much territory as Germany's seigures amount to. While the Frenchman is not in favor of any settlement on the war map basis, he holds that Germany could not afford such a settlement, because she cannot exist without colonies.

What Our Swamps Could Do.

Some swamp land at the mouth of the Mississippi is being recinimed. which is in size equal to the three states of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, and it is ten times as big as that little garden patch which we know as Holland. The soil of our swamps is also ten times as rich as that of The Netherlands. Nevertheless, Holland is now feeding almost 6,000,000 people, and at the same ratio our swamps could feed 60,000,000, or 10,000,000 more than half of all the people in the coun-

In 2017.

"What are you reading about?" "Ancient customs in 1917. It seems the ancients used to find food very cheap as compared with us. They had

dollar dinners." "Some of these stories about the anclents we have to take with a grain of salt. There is even a tradition that they had free lunch."

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"Yes," replied the could'd bearder. "I'm quite sure some of them do. Last night I dreamed that the cup of coffee I was going to get this morning would be as weak and indecisive as a men with a recoiling thin and no Job."-Judge

Untimely Protest.

"Who Is this main under arrest?" "That's Professor Plappers, quite a intest wearstratile

"What was by arrested for?" "He is charged with frying to ob-

rust recessional. He massest a reveniting station where a stage heavily was klassing every men who entirely and shoured, "stop, young notion." Think of the risk you run front perces

What Responsibility Does. The soying rink that as seen as a

entenant is made a communder he begins to earry a stick, and us soon as a communider, becomes a captain he lurns religious. For Justification of the latter part of this assertion thereexists the undoubtest fact that paval captains are mostly serious mindedmen who give some thought to the greater things of life. Possibly their iours of ioneliness may conduce to this frame of mind, though for the most part their leisure hours are given up to study of matters connected with their calling. One well-known captain there was who used to hold prayer meetings, which any member of the ship's company could aftend. "Remember there are no rates to be picked up here," the captain would warn them before the meetings started, meaning that anyone who came there hoping to curry favor and thus get promotion would be disappointed. And in this the captain was always as good as his word. London Mail.

